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: Chief, Lincoln

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FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: GENERAL-

K-Program

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There is being transmitted herewith to each addressee office one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum written by Graham L. Page to ESQUIRE. A third copy of this memorandum is being retained in the file covering the K-Program.

CYRUS E! BURNETTE

24 May 1954

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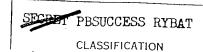
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Dear C

This letter will serve to refresh your recollections of certain topics not yet

adequately covered and others not yet broached:

1. We are curious to know significant and representative reachtions among corps members to the shipment. Was it a booster to their pride and morale, strengthening the allegiance to the regme, or are they concerned about certain longrange implications of the event, such as the probability that iron curtain supplies are usually followed by iron curtain instructors and technical experts?

2. Detailed Shipment Date. What items, in what quantities, in what state of repair

What about ammunitions? Did technicolans come along?

3. We are vitally interested in any info leading to the timely discovery of futur shipments which - we know - are in the offing. Instruct 5 I to spare no effort (and no expense) to assure us early warning of such shipments. You can assure A lithat the nex time the shipment won't pass. Differences of opinion on that score have been ironed ou

and the consejo's views will prevail the next time.

4. Delicately re-open "Castle-issue". Consejo still is and will continue to be bo by [] prohibition. But isn't it about time to sink personal differences and join in common cause which is essentially a Quaterslan dense; fell [] that the US is serious; concerned lest a rapidly deteriorating situation result in a temperary solipse of Guatemala behind the iron curtain, necessitating her "liberation" by the US. Consejo strongly feels Guats should pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Point out incomsis of harping on need for Army unity and at same time despening chase hetween pro-and contra-Castle factions. A change in his attitude would not entail immediate change in the present setup, but would restore our freedem of action in determining at what t and to what extent Castle should be let in.

5. Find out more about his "close friend". What forces does he command? What (active or passive) contribution could be make in a pinch? What are his feelings about

Castle?

6. Ask [] what he knows about ex-Golernal Guillermo FLORES? FILL He is & chief military aids and wields considerable influence. If [] expresses a favorable view, your are authorized to tell him that FLORES is one of the Junta's outstanding

military figures. If] reacts indifferently drop the issue.

7. Stress the important role played by [] Depict him as the Junta's leading polificure to whom Castle defers on all matters concerning political strategy. Throw in as aside that I I we had given you the impression that the consejp (off the record) unanimously back him for the Presidency, especially if it should turn out that he enjoy the trust of ranking militaries, such as 1 or P. Carefully record Fire reaction.

8. Continue pressing for the identification of other trusted associates. Assure that no independent approaches are contemplated, but important the consejo be told. Illustrate this point by mentioning that the consejo was greatly heartened by seeing i judgment regarding the "close friend" borne out. As a result the situation in the capi

has already taken on a fairer complexion.

9. Elicit F Is views regarding "the Ambassador" without letting on about his intended use. Could be be relied upon to keep in strictest confidence overtures on the

part of ranking Guat officers? Would E I trust him in an emergency?

10. Any indications in which Guat is point to turn as result of the accelleration discord with the US are of importance and should be able pick up more than one cryptic remark. What are prevalent speculations regarding US polin respect to the Guat situation.

11. Tell 2 the car situation is unsatisfactory securitywise and that he should go himself a private vehicle. We are willing to contribute to the time of Qz 2000 .--. So much for the present. Hope you spent a pleasant weekend in

rustic contemplation.